

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating data stewardship for
2 metadata in a data warehouse system, comprising:
3 creating metadata, under the control of a user, for use in the data
4 warehouse system;
5 moving the metadata, under the control of a super user, into and out of a
6 | collection, thereby securing the metadata;
7 assigning, under the control of the super user, a data steward for the
8 collection; and
9 manipulating, under the control of the data steward, the metadata in the
10 collection, wherein manipulating the metadata involves securing the metadata and
11 performing administration operations on the collection, wherein only the data
12 steward can manipulate the metadata in the collection, and wherein manipulating
13 the metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 moving metadata, under the control of a collection administrator, into and out of
3 the collection.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward
2 includes more than one individual.

1 4. (Cancelled)

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the collection is related
2 to a specified domain.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward can be
2 a data steward for more than one collection.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the super user has
2 access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can
2 include data descriptions.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can
2 include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 creating, under the control of the user, a new metadata; and
3 requesting, under the control of the user, that the new metadata be moved
4 to the collection.

1 11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 manipulating metadata, under the control of the user, that the user owns and that
3 does not belong to the collection.

1 12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 creating metadata, under the control of the data steward, within a folder in the

3 collection, wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes the
4 metadata to be added to the collection.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 1,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.

1 14. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a
3 method for facilitating data stewardship for metadata in a data warehouse system,
4 wherein the computer-readable storage medium can be any device that can store
5 code and/or data for use by a computer system, the method comprising:
6 creating metadata, under the control of a user, for use in the data
7 warehouse system;
8 moving the metadata, under the control of a super user, into and out of a
9 collection, thereby securing the metadata;
10 assigning, under the control of the super user, a data steward for the
11 collection; and
12 manipulating, under the control of the data steward, the metadata in the
13 collection, wherein manipulating the metadata involves securing the metadata and
14 performing administration operations on the collection, wherein only the data
15 steward can manipulate the metadata in the collection, and wherein manipulating
16 the metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 15. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 14, the method further comprising moving metadata, under the control of a
3 collection administrator, into and out of the collection.

1 16. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the data steward includes more than one individual.

1 17. (Cancelled)

1 18. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the collection is related to a specified domain.

1 19. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the data steward can be a data steward for more than one collection.

1 20. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the super user has access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 21. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein more than one data steward can be a data steward for a specified
3 collection.

1 22. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the metadata can include procedures related to the data warehouse
3 system.

1 23. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 14, the method further comprising:
3 creating, under the control of the user, a new metadata; and
4 requesting, under the control of the user, that the new metadata be moved
5 to the collection.

1 24. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 14, the method further comprising manipulating metadata, under the control
3 of the user, that the user owns and that does not belong to the collection.

1 25. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 14, the method further comprising creating metadata, under the control of
3 the data steward, within a folder in the collection, wherein creating metadata
4 within the folder automatically causes the metadata to be added to the collection.

1 26. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.

1 27. (Currently amended) An apparatus for facilitating data stewardship
2 for metadata in a data warehouse system, comprising:
3 a creating mechanism configured to create metadata, under the control of a
4 user, for use in the data warehouse system;
5 a moving mechanism configured to move the metadata, under the control
6 of a super user, into and out of a collection, thereby securing the metadata;
7 an assigning mechanism configured to assign, under the control of the
8 super user, a data steward for the collection; and
9 a manipulating mechanism configured to manipulate, under the control of
10 the data steward, the metadata in the collection, wherein manipulating the
11 metadata involves securing the metadata and performing administration operation
12 on the collection, wherein only the data steward can manipulate the metadata in
13 the collection, and wherein manipulating the metadata includes editing and
14 deleting the metadata.

1 28. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2 moving mechanism is further configured to move metadata, under the control of a
3 collection administrator, into and out of the collection.

1 29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward
2 includes more than one individual.

1 30. (Cancelled)

1 31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the collection is
2 related to a specified domain.

1 32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward can
2 be a data steward for more than one collection.

1 33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the super user has
2 access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can
2 include data descriptions.

1 35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can
2 include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 36. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27, further
2 comprising:
3 a metadata creating mechanism configured to create, under the control of
4 the user, a new metadata; and

5 a requesting mechanism configured to request, under the control of the
6 user, that the new metadata be moved to the collection.

1 37. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2 manipulating mechanism is further configured to manipulate metadata, under the
3 control of the user, that the user owns and that does not belong to the collection.

1 38. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2 creating mechanism is further configured to create metadata, under the control of
3 the data steward, within a folder in the collection, wherein creating metadata
4 within the folder automatically causes the metadata to be added to the collection.

1 39. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.